Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : The Municipality is charged less than 4 annas ; only 3½ annas.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know from the member why this reduced rate is allowed to the Railway Stations ?

Mr K. P. Padmanabha Menon : That is to make it conform with the rate at which current is supplied to the S. I. R. in other stations ?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know whether the rates levied on private consumers here are in conformity with those at which current is supplied to private consumers in British India ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : In many cases they are more favourable and in some cases they are the same.

Arrears due from private consumers for the Supply of electric current.

7. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are any arrears due from private consumers of electric current ; if so, how many of such consumers are Government servants and how many others ; the names of such Government officers and the amount due from each and the period for which they have been in default ; and

(*b*) whether there are any rules laid down by the department in respect of the realisation of the dues for the supply of electric current to private consumers, and if so, what they are ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (*a*) Yes ; the consumer's addresses as given in their applications do not very often furnish information as to whether they are Government servants or not. It is therefore not possible to state correctly how many Government servants are consumers of electric energy.

(*b*) Yes. The dues are payable to the Superintendent, Trivandrum Electric Supply, within one week of the receipt of the invoice, failing which, the supply is liable to be disconnected.

Pallivasal Hydro Electric Works.

8. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a Resident Engineer appointed by them in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Works and how much he is paid as salary and other allowances ;

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[Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai.]

(*b*) when he was appointed and what his duties are ;

(*c*) whether the work is being carried on by the Electrical Department of the State or by other agency on contract ; if on contract, which is the agency that has undertaken the work ; whether any agreement has been entered into for the purpose ; if so, whether there is any guarantee clause in the same ; and what is the clause ; and

(*d*) how many times does the Electrical Chief Engineer visit Pallivasal every month and for what purpose ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (*a*) Yes. His pay is Bh. Rs. 1,500 and permanent travelling allowance is Sr. Rs. 50/- per mensem.

(*b*) 15-4-1933. Supervising the construction of the tunnel and other Civil Engineering Works as may be delegated to him in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Project.

(*c*) The project works are carried out by the department through contract agency. The contractors for the tunnel works are Messrs. Moylan & Co., Bombay, and local contractors are engaged for carrying out other constructional works. They have entered into an agreement and have furnished a security for the due fulfilment of the contract. Specifications embodying the guarantees required are issued and these form the basis of the contract.

(*d*) The Electrical Engineer has so far inspected the works at Pallivasal on an average once in two months. The purpose of his visit is to inspect the works in progress and give instructions to the executive officers and contractors regarding the technical and other details of works, etc. He also measures the work in progress.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know whether there is any guarantee clause for the same and if so what is it ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : The terms of the guarantee depend upon each individual contract. For each separate contract there is a different guarantee. If the member would refer to any specific instance, I shall answer. For instance does he refer to the time of completion or the quality of work ?

Supply of electric power from Pallivasal to Peermade and Vandiperiyar.

9. ***Mr. L. A. Lampard** (*Travancore Planters*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are prepared to extend the supply of electric power from Pallivasal to the Peermade and Vandiperiyar districts ;

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